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MESA CPA PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX FRAUD

PHOENIX – Leonard G. Allen, Jr., 53, of Mesa, Ariz., pleaded guilty here to one count of Making and Subscribing to a Material Misstatement on a Tax Return in federal district court.

U.S. Attorney Paul K. Charlton stated that, "Tax laws are applicable to everyone and it is particularly disturbing when a tax professional fails to report substantial income on his own tax returns."

On December 2, 2005 Allen pleaded guilty and admitted that on April 12, 2002, he signed his 2001 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return reporting \$330,251 as his total income. Allen admitted that during 2001 he received an additional \$330,000 in unreported income from his business, Glenn Allen, CPA, PC. This additional sum should have been reported on his U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. Allen admitted he knew he had earned the additional income during 2001 and knew that he was required to disclose it on his 2001 return but he intentionally omitted it from his return.

Sentencing is set before U.S. District Court Judge Teilborg on February 27, 2006. A conviction for Making and Subscribing to a Material Misstatement on a Tax Return carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison, a \$100,000 fine or both. In determining an actual sentence, Judge Teilborg will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The prosecution is being handled by Richard I Mesh, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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